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SUBJECT: KOREAN RATIFICATION OF NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT)

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1. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LHO SHIN YONG
CALLED IN DCM AFTERNOON MARCH 11 TO COFIRM THAT ARRANGE-
MENTS HE HAD EARLIER DESCRIBED TO AMBASSADOR (REF C)
FOR NPT RATIFICATION WERE IN PROCESS. REQUIRED
APPROVAL FOR RATIFICATION PROPOSAL BY VICE MINISTERS
HAD BEEN OBTAINED MORNING MARCH 11, CABINET WOULD
APPROVE AT MEETING SCHEDULED BEGIN MID-AFTERNOON AND
REQUEST FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL WOULD BE SUB-
MITTED EVENING MARCH 11. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY EXPECTED
TO APPROVE RATIFICATION BILL WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS.
CANADIANS, JAPANESE AND BRITISH WERE ALSO INFORMED.

2. DESPITE LHO'S INABILITY TO TELL DCM WHEN ROKG

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WOULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT, ROKG ANNOUNCED LATE

AFTERNOON MARCH 11 THAT CABINET HAD APPROVED
RATIFICATION PROPOSAL AND THAT IT HAD BEEN
TRANSMITTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

3. LHO SAID MOFA HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM ITS
EMBASSY/WASHINGTON ON JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED
BY SENATOR STEVENSON (REF B). HE SAID ROKG HOPED
THAT ITS MOVE TO RATIFY NPT WOULD HELP REMOVE
SUSPICIONS BEHIND SENATOR'S RESOLUTION AND EXPEDITE
EX/IM BANK APPROVAL OF KORI II FINANCING.
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